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ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH
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THURSDAY MORNING

at 10:00 o'clock

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EPISCOPAL PRONOUNCEMENT

In the midst of the great crisis, we, the servants of God, through Jesus Christ, have great hope in the ultimate triumph of the Christian cause. In the midst of war, we crave and work for peace, not a peace, as the results of war merely, but a just and durable peace, based upon the cardinal principle of the brotherhood of all men, everywhere.

We are members of a world communion. Any less tie is unworthy of consideration in the kingdom. Race and class hatred have engulfed the world. But out of it all, God has poured all the nations of the earth into a melting pot. Civilization is fluid.

This is the greatest day the Church has had, both at home and abroad. We need men of great vision, faith, courage and adventure to stem the tide. Our great laymen have an increasing opportunity and responsibility. Missionary emphases and opportunities are challenging. Christian Education and Christian Social Service are to the fore. May we save the young today for tomorrow. We've sown seed for years. The harvest is here. May we all go forth as true reapers to give the quadrennium facing us a new and greater achievement in Kingdom building; recognizing neither young nor old, rich nor poor, learned nor ignorant, bond nor free, neither race, creed nor politics, but only sons of God to the end that we all might be one in Christ.

Fraternally,

D. H. SIMS, Bishop